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Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR:—" Then, why should it be abolished? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" It is continuing."

Deputy Director of Public Instruction in charge of personnel.

* 170 *Q.*—Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) which of the Deputy Directors of Public Instruction is in charge of personnel;

(*b*) whether the same officer has been in charge of personnel for nearly six years;

(*c*) whether there has been in the whole history of the Department of Public Instruction a tenure so prolonged in the case of any previous Deputy Director; and

(*d*) whether he exercises the power of recommending for promotion and punishment all employees in all grades and all branches of the Education department?

A.—(*a*) Mr. M. A. Candeth.
(*b*) Yes.
(*c*) Yes.
(*d*) No.

Natives of Travancore and Cochin in the Madras Educational Service.

* 171 *Q.*—Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) of the persons at present officiating in the Madras Educational Service (Collegiate Branch), (i) how many are natives of Malabar, Travancore and Cochin; and (ii) how many are natives of the rest of India; and

(*b*) of the persons who hold permanent posts in the Madras Educational Service (Collegiate Branch), (i) how many are natives of Travancore and Cochin; and (ii) how many are natives of the rest of India?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A statement [a] is attached.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" From the papers furnished in answer to this question I find that there are three gentlemen belonging to the Native States of Travancore and Cochin and three from Malabar making a total of six. The rest of India has only eight appointments. May I know why this proportion is maintained and why the rest of India gets only eight appointments? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" I cannot accept the statement of my hon. Friend that the Government are

[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 238 infra.

maintaining any proportion as between Malabar and the rest of India. In this case it so happened that people with suitable qualifications came from that district."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" Are the Government aware that the Indian States discourage the employment of British Indians in their service? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" They do."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" Having regard to that fact, Sir, does the hon. Minister maintain that he should go on appointing in British India subjects of Indian States? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" We do not employ them when qualified men are available in British India."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" Is it suggested that it was impossible to find qualified men in British India to fill the posts now occupied by these gentlemen from the States? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" Several of the appointments were made before I came into office. But I believe what I stated was the case."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" So long as these men are holding only officiating appointments, would the Minister consider the desirability of terminating their services? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—' It will not be fair to the candidates to do so."

Mr. K. P. RAMAN MENON :—" Is it a sin, Sir, to belong to Malabar? "

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" The hon. Minister stated that the appointments were made before he took office. I take it that the old system is not in vogue now? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" At present the Services Commission is making the selection for these posts."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" May I know whether in Travancore and Cochin British subjects are employed? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" Not usually."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether the Government are aware of the recent Firman issued by the Nizam's Government and a similar one issued by the Mysore Government regarding the method of filling appointments in those States? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" I have got the same kind of information which the hon. Member has got, viz., the newspaper report."